

## House Resolution No.

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State school districts which bring glory and honor to themselves and to this great state through the exceptional achievements of their curricular programs; and

**Whereas**, Francis Howell Central High School has attained considerable distinction for the strength, success, and professionalism of its marching band directed by David Opperman; and

**Whereas**, the marching Spartans enhanced their already impressive record of achievement when they performed in two national venues at the close of 2004; and

**Whereas**, approximately one hundred forty-five students made the trip to Jacksonville, Florida, in order to compete in field and parade marching venues connected with the Gator Bowl; and

**Whereas**, the Francis Howell Central High School Spartans took second place in their class in the field marching competition and third place in their class in the parade competition with a final score of 91.25 out of 100 to place second in the overall competition; and

**Whereas**, Francis Howell Central High School's drum major, junior Kyle Strothmann, received the outstanding drum major award in both the field and parade competitions; and

**Whereas**, Spartan band members also marched in a Macy's parade at Universal Studios in Orlando; and

**Whereas**, in addition to having to raise \$675 to cover their expenses, Spartan students participated in numerous rehearsals on the trip to Florida; and

**Whereas**, Spartan musicians also took a riverboat cruise, saw Universal Studios, and had a New Year's Eve dance and awards banquet before returning home on January 3, 2005:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the stellar season of performances and competitions engaged in by the Francis Howell Central High School marching band and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt congratulations for their outstanding achievements at the Gator Bowl and parade in Jacksonville and at the Macy's parade in Orlando; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of the 2004-2005 Francis Howell Central High School band.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Joe Smith  
District No. 14

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Representative Sherman Parker  
District No. 12

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,

Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do  
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House  
Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_, adopted \_\_\_\_\_, 2005.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker